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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, IR

SUBJ: VISIT OF GAO TEAM

FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM STAATS, USGAO

1. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE OF DECEMBER 1 INQUIRING AS TO THE PURPOSE AND NEED FOR A GAO REVIEW OF U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO IRAN.

2. THE REVIEW IS CONSIDERED TO BE NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRIOR MAP AND CURRENT MILITARY SALES PROGRAMS IN IRAN. WHILE WE HAVE HAD NO SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THIS REVIEW, A STRONG GENERAL CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IS EVIDENT IN THE U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE ROLE IN IRAN.

3. THE DOD INTERNAL AUDITORS WERE PLANNING TO REVIEW THE IRANIAN PROGRAM AT THIS TIME BUT DEFERRED TO THE GAO.

4. GAO DOES NOT PLAN TO REVIEW ANY OTHER PROGRAMS IN IRAN SUCH AS PEACE CORPS, USIA, FOOD FOR PEACE, ETC., EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY OTHER SUCH PROGRAMS ARE CLOSELY RELATED TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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5. WE APPRECIATE YOUR WISH TO COOPERATE IN THIS REVIEW,

AND WE ASSURE YOU WE WILL GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO

MINIMIZING ANY DISRUPTION TO YOUR STAFF AND TO PROVIDING  
YOU AND OTHER MISSION OFFICIALS WITH FULL AND CANDID  
REVIEW RESULTS. KISSINGER

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